

II. Remarks Concerning the Claim Amendments

By this submission independent Claims 1, 7, 13, and 17 and dependent claims 20 and 21 are amended to more precisely point out the subject matter that the applicant claims as the invention. No new matter has been added. Since all claims depend on one of these independent claims, all claims now reflect the correction.

Claim 17 is further amended to claim subject matter of the current invention that is not anticipated by the Weyer patent (US Pat. 4,882,979). The element of rotational motion "through greater than one revolution" is described on throughout page 25 of the current application. No new matter has been added.

All claims (1-21) remain pending in the application.

III. Response to Examiner's Section 112 Rejections

The applicant has amended the claims to specify "at least two piston sleeves," which in turn corrects the lack of antecedent basis for "each said piston sleeve."

IV. Response to Examiner's Section 102 Rejections

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. MPEP § 2131. The Weyer patent teaches a reciprocating piston actuator that creates torque from fluid power, but the rotational travel of the device is limited by a bulkhead (54), as described in column 2, lines 25-45, column 5, lines 29-32, and column 10, lines 44-50, for examples. The disclosure of the current invention shows the current invention does not have the element of the bulkhead, or an equivalent, and does not have limits to the rotational travel. Instead, as now claimed in amended claim 17 and described

throughout page 25 of the application, the current invention employs greater than one revolution of rotation between the drive shaft (20) and the housing (30).

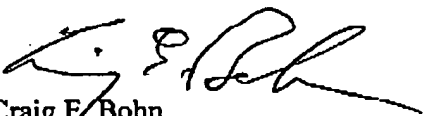
V. Conclusion

In regard to rejections under 35 USC § 112 and objections for errors in antecedent basis, independent claims 1, 7, 13, and 17 and dependent claims 20 and 21 are amended to more precisely point out the subject matter that the applicant claims as the invention. Since all claims depend on one of these independent claims, all claims now reflect the correction. As such, claims 1-16 should now be in condition for allowance.

In regard to rejections under 35 USC § 102, claim 17 is further amended to include the element of rotational motion "through greater than one revolution." Since claims 18-21 all depend from claim 17, claims 17-21 now all include the element and should be in condition for allowance.

Applicant requests the Examiner lift the rejections and objections in response to these modifications and find all current claims allowable.

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